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"An early response to this circular is most earnestly requested. *Bis dat qui cito dat.*

Ryerson Memorial Statue Fund.

DEAR SIR:—

Our appeal to the Inspectors, Masters, Teachers and Pupils of the Public and High Schools of Ontario on behalf of the RYERSON MEMORIAL FUND, has been so far successful, that the Committee in charge of the fund has now in hand \$4,425.00, including accrued interest on the moneys received and invested.

The cost of the Statue (including pedestal) to Hon. George Brown, in the Queen's Park, was \$7,688.00. It will be necessary to obtain a sum of about the same amount, in order to erect a suitable monument to the REV. DR. RYERSON on the grounds of the Education Department, or in the Queen's Park.

The Committee in charge of the Fund confidently appeal to the public generally and to you in particular for a contribution to this most desirable and patriotic object. They trust, therefore, that you will liberally and heartily respond to this their appeal to you individually.

The following reference to Rev. Dr. Ryerson's life-work is by Rev. Dr. Ormiston, who has always been an earnest promoter of this Memorial Fund. He said:—

"For a third of a century he was the head and inspiring genius of our school system—establishing, moulding, adapting, controlling it; and this, the main work of his life, will endure, and command in the future, as it has in the past, the admiration of all, both at home and abroad. During all these years he was the teacher's true friend, and the ardent well-wisher of the young. His sympathies—tender and true—as helpful as they were healthy, went out to every earnest worker, whether in acquiring or imparting knowledge. The enquiring left his presence directed; the downcast, cheered; the doubtful, confirmed."

The words with which Dr. Ormiston closes his appeal on behalf of this fund we would heartily commend to your sympathy and kind consideration. We do so with the earnest hope that you will give them a substantial and practical application. Dr. Ormiston says:—

"In obedience then to one of the purest and loftiest instincts of our nature, let us unite in paying a common tribute of admiration and regard to the memory of him to whom we all sustained a common relationship, and to whom we also, without distinction as to nationality, political preferences or religious belief, can pay sincere homage, as the founder of our present excellent and comprehensive system of education."

"In honouring him we do honour to our common country, and recognize our obligation to pay fitting homage to the great men of our Dominion, whose names, with his, are inscribed high upon the roll of Canada's famous sons."

The Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, LL.D., delegate from the British to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Canada, in his recent address to that Conference, said, referring to the late Rev. Dr. Ryerson:—

That gentleman "visited us in England twice. Old man as he then was, he seemed younger than most of us. I take him to have been one of those rare men who are never young and never old—old in wisdom whilst young in years—young in heart and feeling when already the snow is on the head. Eloquent, logical, far-sighted, generous, independent, courageous, with an unhesitating faith in duty, and a boundless love of freedom and justice, he 'served his generation.'—O how well the inspired words describe him—by the will of God, 'he fell on sleep.'"

Kindly transmit your contribution to any one of the undersigned, or to WALTER S. LEE, Esq., Treasurer of the Fund, 70 Church street, Toronto. (See note above.)

We are very sincerely yours,

JAMES L. HUGHES, | Joint Secretaries.
JAMES CARLYLE,

J. GEORGE HODGINS,
Chairman, General Committee.

TORONTO, November, 1886.

P.S.—The Minister of Education cordially endorses this appeal on behalf of the Fund for the erection of the Ryerson Memorial Statue. He would be glad to see the amount required to complete this work obtained at once.

J. G. H.